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From Destruction. "I didn't leave my job on my own account," said the ex-train dispatcher as he settled himself down to his mean piece of business. If Provioverworked and underpaid railroad employee, it was with me that last to have realized the fact. It was on an Ohio railroad, and the headquarrow at headquarters, and I'd been doing two men's work for 10 nights. On this last night I was clean played out and asked for a relief, but nobody was to be had. When the line is working all right and a man is feeling good, train despatching is as easy as rolling off a log. You can locate every train on the rails within a hundred rods, and unless some pig headed conductor refuses to obey instructions there's no chance for an accident.

"That night I had four through passenger trains, two locals, a Blue to look after. Everything was all right up to about midnight. At that hour the western express would 1 gave the as I thought, and it was 12:30 before it suddenly flashed across me that I had made a mix of it. For 80 seconds I was as cold as ice from head to heels, and then a hot wave seemed to strike me, and I came near fainting away. I had ordered the express to run to Diamondale, where I meant it for the Blue line. She'd meet the limited head on about four miles west of Kingsville, and both trains had a full complement of passengers. It was too late for me to stop either one, and I was just about to order out a wrecking train, telegraph the company doctors and rouse out the superintendent, when I got a call from Robert's Crossing. This was a milk station, but a telegraph operator had been put there only the day before. He had been routed out of bed in a farmhouse to communicate with me.

"You may doubt my statement, but you wouldn't if you'd been on either of those trains. They were flying for each other like cyclones, when the engine on the limited collapsed a flue and was brought to a standstill within 100 feet of the station, with engineer and fireman badly scalded. At the same time the express struck a cow standing on the track, and though not derailed was brought to a stop scarcely 100 feet on the other side. There they were headed for each other, with only one chance in a thousand of escaping an awful calamity, and yet Providence gave me that chance. The officials ought to have given me another show, but I got the bounce and have staid bounced. I'm selling a patent washing machine now and not taking any chances."-Detroit Free

Preserving Harmony of Color. At a recent exhibition of modern paintings in Germany the subjoined announcement was posted up: "Take Notice-In order that the effect of the pictures may not be totally lost, or at least partially impaired, by the loud and glaring colors of ladies' dresses, the managers have decided to issue the following regulations: The galleries are only open to visitors dressed in white, black or violet. Gray has the privilege of being admitted at a reduced entrance fee. Violet is admitted free of charge. Persons wearing the national costumes are refused admittance.' The public are requested to observe the above rules in the interest of art and artists and be particular to appear in violet."—Exchange. OCEAN TROLLEY.

Latest Plan to Send Great Ships Spinning

It is pretty well understood that the limit of speed in ocean steamers is about reached if the present mod els are adhered to, and that if there is to be any gain in swiftness it must be by the trial of a new form. The difficulty is to devise a vessel of which the structural strength shall be great enough to carry the mass ive engines requisite for increased speed and at the same time to resist the force of the ocean storms. If the sea were calm, there would be no difficulty in increasing the speed of the "ocean greyhounds," but with the tremendous force of waves and storms it is not possible to do this with the present models.

It is not impossible that the solu tion of the problem lies in the sub marine ship, and that the passenger steamer of the future will go under water instead of across its surface The advance made in the planning and working of submarine boats in the last 10 years makes this seem not wholly impossible, as it must have looked once, and there is no doubt that the freedom from the effects of surface storms would allow a swiftness which could hardly be ar rived at on the surface. It might also solve the question of seasick ness, as it is probable that submarine locomotion would be much smoother and less disturbing to the stomach than the present method of travel ing. All that one can say, however, is that we shall see what we shall

Perhaps the steamer of the future will be operated on a trolley by means of a submarine cable. advantages of this plan would be at the novelty of the thing, the great limped toward the door, great, as it would prevent the necessity of carrying immense quantities warn, "and my being bounced was a of fuel and of keeping the vessel loaded down with enormous engines. dence was ever on the side of an All the delay and difficulty and expense of managing furnaces and engines on board ship would be done night, and the superintendent ought away with by the oceanic trolley system, and the ship could be made so much lighter that it could go ters were in Cincinnati. We'd had a whizzing across the ocean in a couple strike, two or three accidents and a of days. Danger of accident could be brought to be no greater than it is at present by having a sufficient number of repair steamers on the route, which could keep the cables in repair, and in case of any accident to the trolley could bring the passenger boat into port or put it again in connection with the cable.

There can be no question that the proper means of crossing the Atlantic quickly is by some system which will allow the motive power to be applied from the shore, either by a trolley or a cable. The limit of line and two or three regular freights and fuel is certainly practically reached on the surface, and there are difficulties in the way of submarine man's fascination is so strong that my dear fellow. Don't detain me, I'm hard at work. This is the busiest season navigation which it would be hard reach Kingsville and side track for to conquer. The trolley system is the limited going east and due at capable of great extension, and we may yet live to go to Europe by it means.—Boston Courier.

Augustine Brohan.

One day on leaving the stage Augustine Brohan happened to hear two fellow artists discussing a subject which seemed to be extremely engrossing. On questioning them as to the topic of conversation: "We are speaking of the creation."

they said. "I was not living at that time,"

she answered, smiling. And then added, with a very serious face, "You had better ask Mme. Allan about it."

This lady, who was one of her rivals on the stage, was often the ob ject of her jokes. Of course Augustine Brohan had many adversaries at the Comedie Francaise. The unsparing nature of her wit and her brilliant success as an artist were sufficient to give rise to petty quarrels. She used her power of repartee to rid herself of her assailants.

On one occasion one of them came to her and said laughingly, as if she had a joke to tell:

"My dear, let me tell you some stupid thing to make you laugh!" "You have only to open your

mouth," said Augustine, with an assumption of calm indifference.-Fortnightly Review.

Lightning's Singular Freaks.

Lightning strokes frequently re sult in blindness, deafness or paraly sis. Sometimes the lightning assails a single object on a man's person without apparently touching the man himself. Coins have been melted until they stuck together in a man's pocket while he suffered no ill consequences. Keys, watches and watch chains, metal cartridges and eyeglass frames have been more or less damaged while the person who wore them was almost uninjured. There have been many cases where clothing has been almost demolished without injury to its wearer. Iron pegs have been pulled out of shoes, and rubber boots ave been destroyed frequently. The brass eyelets were torn out of a Georgia man's shoes, but he felt only a slight and harmless shock.-New York Evening Sun.

The Daily Petition. There are men in New York and Brooklyn who are called clippers and whose business is to cut off the back hair of schoolgirls. There is a peculiar significance in the prayers of these young women when they utter the words, "Give us this day our daily braid."-Boston Transcript.

Richard and Dorothy Tounsend in writing the chronicles of their family speak of one branch whose members were once among the principal gentry of the west of England; yet, the story goes, when money was granted by the grand jury to them for improving the highways they used to lay the coins in rows on the ground and call on the passersby to swear that they had seen the money 'laid out on the road."

But queer stories may be told of ber boots three sizes too large. most of the old families. One very after carload of cousins were seen full of blood." driving up the avenue an astonished visitor asked the hostess where she could possibly bestow so many guests.

"Ah," she answered, "I needn't trouble at all. I've a very obliging cook and a very accommodating butler, and they'll each take two or three in their beds."

All were not so hospitable, and the opposite extreme from this good old by two men and stabbed. I made no lady was a Mr. Tounsend who had a complaint. I am game clean through,

One day a friend met him and said 'I was caught in a storm the other day near your house, and I sheltered myself under that big oak in the glancing down apologetically, "I see my avenue.

"Ah, now, 'tis a pity you stopped there," exclaimed Mr. Tounsend; "if only you'd gone 20 yards farther red drops were ooring from the toe of down the road, you'd have found a the stranger's left boot, making a small much thicker tree."-Youth's Com- but gory pool on the restaurant floor. panion.

Dean Swift as an Autocrat,

Partly from respect for his abilities, partly from the actual value of his assistance, partly from amusement world surrendered itself as to a conqueror. Dean Swift never flattered. When told that the Duke of Buck- pital alone now. ingham desires his acquaintance, he answers that the duke has not made sufficient advances to him yet. When asked to a dinner party by a secre tary of state, he insists upon drawing up a list of the company. Even ladies have to bow beneath the yoke However beautiful, wealthy or highborn, they must always appear as suppliants for Dr. Swift's acquaintance. Even then his rule is far from

"Lady Burlington," says he, "I hear you can sing. Sing me a song." Her ladyship resents such an unceremonious address and refuses. "Why, madam," says Swift, "I suppose you take me for one of your poor English hedge parsons. Sing, when I bid As Lord Burlington only vou." laughs, the lady bursts into tears and leaves the room. This does not soften Swift. He meets her a few speed for ships that carry engines days after. "Pray, madam, are you this mornin. so proud and ill natured now as when all yield to him .- "Dean Swift and of the year to me His Writings."

The Virus of Bees.

A Vienna scientist has made a series of interesting experiments with the virus of such insects as bees and wasps and comes to the conclusion the city on a milk train. that the effectiveness of the irritating substance depends largely upon the mood of the insect. A drop of the fluid taken from the poison bag of a dead hornet, for instance, pro duces a slight itching, but nothing resembling the inflammation caused by a hornet's sting with a much smaller quantity of the same virus. This theory is supported by the curious fact that under the influence of rage the saliva of all sorts of otherwise harmless animals can become virulent enough to produce alarming and even fatal symptoms. Death by blood poisoning has more than once resulted from the bite of a wounded squirrel, a chipmunk or a caged rat. -Reltimore Times

Just Like a New Englander.

"Yas, sir," said the nasal circerone who was showing the saunterer over a Maine village. "Yas, sir-ee, we have some queer critters here. Naow, there's that feller Jones that jest come outer thet haouse there. Why, he kep' his wife there tew whole months 'thout a buryin of 'er. Don't believe it, dew yew? But it's a fact jest th' same. 'N what's worse, no one in taown done a thing baout it. They didn't even speak tew Jones."
"But," said the astonished saunterer, 'haven't you any physicians or any coroner's jury herer" "Yas," answered the guide as he closed his fingers over the expected fee, "but 'twarn't no case fer them. She warn't dead!"-Boston Budget.

A gentleman who had promised to meet his wife in a large establish ment where all sorts of things are sold at low prices was making his way through the throng of women. Forced to pause for a moment near a counter behind which stood a pretty saleswoman, he blurted out:

'Is there anything on earth that would reconcile a man to such a crowd as this?"

"Yes, sir," was the quick reply.
"Belonging to the firm." - Exchange.

Sure of His Watch

Fond Mother-For gracious sake, John, that child has got your watch in her mouth and will swallow it! John (bachelor brother-in-law and very fond of babies - Don't be the least alarmed, Mary, I've got hold of the chain; it can't go far. - London Tit-Bits.



STRUCK IT RICH.

A Case Showing That Blood Will Not Al ways Tell.

He opened the door of a Gratiot avenue restaurant and limped slowly up to the casher wheak in a pair of soggy rub-

"My dear sir," he whispered, leaning most of the old families. One very hospitable Mrs. Tounsend loved to keep open house, and when carload sorry to trouble you, but my boot is

"Hey?" "Human blood."

"What do you mean?" faltered the cashier, instinctively locking the money drawer.

"I mean that I am bleeding to death, said the newcomer calmly. "I shouldn't think of intruding upon you," he con tinued, "if the situation wasn't so seri ous. About an hour ago I was assaulted fine place entered by a beautiful but I'm getting weak now and must avenue of trees. a little something-anything you will, but help me fight for life. I am sorry to soil your floor," added the stranger, boot is leaking."

The cashier looked over the railing with a skeptical expression that quickly changed to horror. One by one the bright

The cashier's hair almost stood on end. "Hi, there, William," he called in agitated tones, "bring a bowl of beef tea, double portion, and anything else that's hot and handy, and bring 'em quick." Ten minutes later the injured visitor

"Thank you," he said gratefully, "I feel better already. I can get to the hos-

"That's right," answered the cashier encouragingly, "and here's 50 cents to help you.'

"Pretty rough case," remarked a man who was paying his bill as the stranger closed the door. "Rough?' ejaculated the cashier. "It's awful. There's lots of fakes come in,

here every day, but that fellow's straight, I can tell." When the injured visitor reached the corner, he was joined by a thin young

"Any luck?" he asked anxiously.

"Yep." "Square meal?" "Middlin."

"Money besides?"

"Some. The acid in that cussed red ink is biting me toes."-Detroit Free Press.

First Swell-Aw, Chawley, my dear

boy, what a wattlin pace you are goin Second Swell-Aw, yans, Fitznoodle,

"By Jove, Chawley, what are you

doin?" "I'm dodgin my creditors."-Tit-Bits.

Natural Query. "What day of the week is this?" in-

"Wednesday," replied the man addressed. "I wasn't sure," rejoined the other,

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"Yo' George Washington Snowball, come right in outen de sun," screamed a negro mamma to her child.

'Whaffur, mamma?" "Whaffur? I'll tell yo' whaffur! Fust thing yo' know, yo' complexion'll be tanned as bad as de white trash."-Har-

Not a Clear Record. Lawyer-Are you acquainted with the

Witness-I've known him for 20 years Lawyer-Have you ever known him

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